

GRACE MENG

First Asian woman elected to State Legislature



"I take the definition of my job- Representative- seriously. That's what I will be above and beyond everything else."

- Representative Grace Meng

With her 2012 election, State Assembly-member Grace Meng became New York's first Asian-American U.S. Congresswoman, representing parts of Queens.

Meng was born and raised in Queens to immigrants from Taiwan. After graduating from the University of Michigan, she earned a law degree from

the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

Meng's political career began in 2006 when she was elected to fill the Assembly seat once held by her father, Jimmy Meng. Meng won re-election in 2008 and 2010 as an Independence Party nominee.

In 2013, Meng took office in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she has worked to strike the word "Oriental" from federal law, protect public housing residents, and assist military members. In 2017, Meng became the Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee.